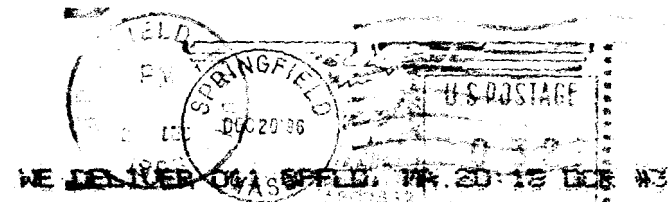




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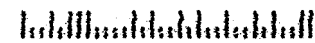


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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am the Business Manager from Alliance Public Schools, and I would like to thank you for your leadership and the leadership of the Joint Board for their strong decision to ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. I urge the FCC to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board.

The discount range of 20 to 90 percent will ensure that all schools - even the poorest - have truly affordable access. The plan is also very flexible and will empower schools to select the services that work best for their educational mission. The inclusion of discounts on internal connections and Internet access is equally vital and stands to bring services directly to the classroom where students learn.

Currently all computers in Alliance Public Schools' five classroom buildings are on a local area network. The district is in the process of connecting each of the buildings and the Administration building through a Wide Area Network. The system will also be connected to a T-1 line for Internet access. The State of Nebraska has enacted a zero percent lid on spending for the 1997-98 school year and the continued ability to provide these technological capabilities that enhance the education of our students will be greatly impaired without some type of assistance.

As you move ahead in your deliberation on this important issue, I urge you to seize this opportunity to bring 21st century learning to our school children.

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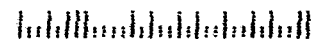
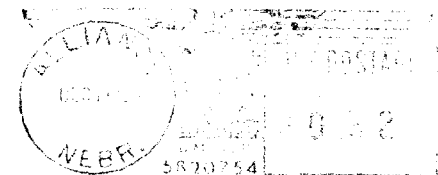

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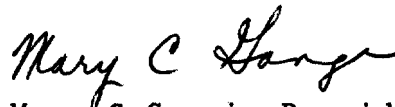
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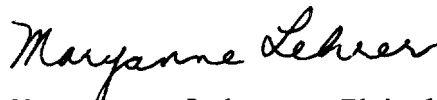
The Oceanside Board of Education and the school boards of New York's Third Congressional District wish to thank you for your leadership and the work of the Joint Board for their strong decision to ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

We respectfully urge the Federal Communications Commission to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board.

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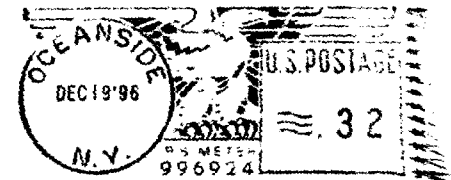


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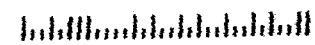


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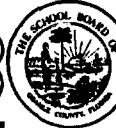
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am a school member from Orange County, Florida, and I would like to thank you for your leadership and the leadership of the joint board for their strong decision to ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Super Highway. I urge the FCC to fully adopt the recommendations of the joint board. The discount range of 20-90 percent will ensure that all schools, even the poorest, have truly affordable access. The plan is also very flexible and will empower schools to select the services that work best for their educational mission. The inclusion of discounts on internal connections and Internet access is equally vital and stands to bring services directly to the classroom where students can learn.

We have invested many dollars in Orange County in our technology plan and will continue to do so, but the discount that has been recommended by the joint board would assist greatly in that endeavor.

As you move ahead in your deliberation in this important issue, I urge you to seize this opportunity to bring the 21st century learning to our school children.

Sincerely,

Linda Sutherland

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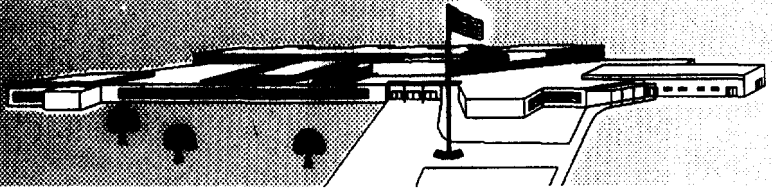
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Re: **CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Chairman Hundt:

On behalf of Hartford Union High School District, I would like to thank you for your leadership and the leadership of the Joint Board in your efforts to secure affordable access to telecommunications services for schools. Although our school district has a strong commitment to providing quality telecommunications educational opportunities for our students, the fiscal requirements place a severe strain on our ability to do so. The support of the FCC is critical and we urge full adoption of the recommendations of the Joint Board.

We support all of the recommendations of the Joint Board and believe these provisions give schools the greatest amount of flexibility in deciding how to use discount dollars. We are currently involved in a study of the creation of a distance education network within the school districts in Washington County. Implementation of this network will benefit thousands of students, but the initial cost and the ongoing operational costs have been problematic. These proposed discounts will allow us to divert dollars currently being spent for Internet access to cover the costs of infrastructure and operational costs of the distance education network.

If there is a true commitment to educational opportunities for all children and a desire to remain competitive in a global market place, it is clear that the school districts must be supported in their attempts to provide access to the Information Superhighway. The FCC should seize this opportunity to insure the future of our country.

Sincerely,

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am a school superintendent for the West Point Public Schools and I would like to thank you for your leadership and the leadership of the Joint Board for their strong decision to ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. I urge the FCC to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board.

The discount range of 20 to 90 percent will ensure that all schools have affordable access. The plan is also very flexible and will empower schools to select the services that work best for their educational mission. The inclusion of discounts on internal connections and Internet access is equally vital and stands to bring services directly to the classroom where students learn.

I urge you to seize this opportunity to bring 21st century learning to our students.

Sincerely,


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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am a school board member from Eastern York School District, and I would like to thank you for your leadership and the leadership of the Joint Board for their strong decision to ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. I urge the FCC to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board.

The discount range of 20 to 90 percent will ensure that all schools - even the poorest - have truly affordable access. The plan is also very flexible and will empower schools to select the services that work best for their educational mission. The inclusion of discounts on internal connections and Internet access is equally vital and stands to bring services directly to the classroom where students learn.

Eastern York School District is presently in the process of establishing a WAN linking its five school buildings. Shortly after that, Internet access will be available to all of our staff and students. Obviously, service provider fees are a concern to us.

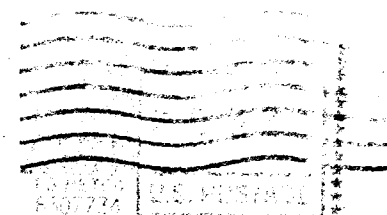
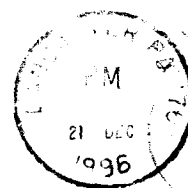
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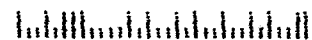
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am a school board member from the Pittsford Central School District, and I would like to thank you for your leadership and the leadership of the Joint Board for their strong decision to ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. I urge the FCC to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board.

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Pittsford Central School District has made a major effort to incorporate technology into its curriculum. As I am sure you are aware of, this takes an enormous financial commitment in order to stay up to date. It is a commitment we believe to be a wise investment for the future of our children and our nation. The recommendations of the Joint Board will do much to assist Pittsford to prepare our students for the 21st Century.

As you move ahead in your deliberation on this important issue, I urge you to seize this opportunity to partner with school districts across this nation by bringing 21st century learning to our schoolchildren.

Sincerely,



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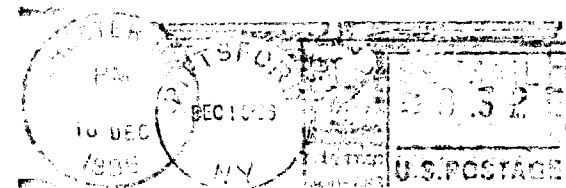
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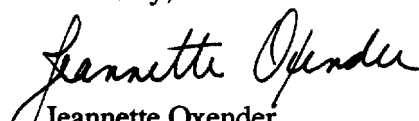
Dear Chairman Hunt:

Thank you for your leadership and the leadership of the Joint Board for your decision to secure affordable telecommunications rates for schools and libraries. The Ohio School Boards Association urges the Federal Communications Commission to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates.

Telecommunications costs continue to be a formidable barrier to establishing educational on-ramps to the Information Superhighway. Ohio's schools are spending millions of dollars for computers, software and teacher training. We must make every effort to make sure that ongoing access costs do not become prohibitive. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each communities needs.

The plan is very flexible and will empower schools to select the services that work best for their educational mission. The inclusion of discounts on internal connections and Internet access is vital and stands to bring services to the classroom. Thank you for your attention to this matter of considerable importance to all schools, classrooms, and libraries.

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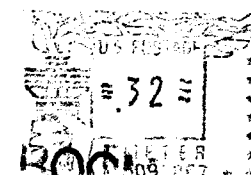
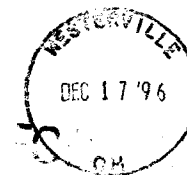
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Docket Number 96-45

Dear Members of the Federal State Joint Board:

The American Association of School Administrators supports the comments submitted by the EDLINC coalition regarding the implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. It is the strong feeling of our 15,000 members that the subsidy rate for all schools should be based on the family income of the students enrolled in the school or school district.

AASA understands that family income data cannot always come from the federal school lunch program because not all schools participate. However, we do not want schools located in high poverty areas that enroll few students who would qualify for the free and reduced-cost lunches to unfairly benefit from the location of the building. Schools have a variety of means to obtain family income data and we are sure all schools can comply with the spirit and the letter of the proposed regulations.

Again, AASA thanks the Board for their initial proposal regarding this Act. Our members stand ready to implement this law as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Bruce Hunter
Sr. Executive Association Director

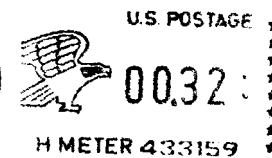
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

This letter is sent to you from the undersigned who comprise the School Board in the East Meadow Union Free School District in Nassau County, New York. We thank you for your leadership and the leadership of the Joint Board for their commitment to insure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. We urge the FCC to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board.

The discount range of 10 to 90 percent will enable all schools to have truly affordable access. The plan is very flexible and will empower schools to select the services that work best for their educational mission. The inclusion of discounts on internal connections and Internet access is vital and promises to bring services directly to the classroom where students learn.

Due to the high tax and moderate wealth characteristics of our school community, the East Meadow School District would benefit greatly through this effort which substantially reduces the cost of installation and ongoing fees for telecommunications and Internet services.

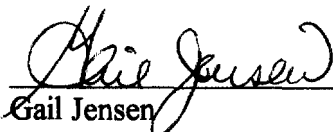
We urge you to implement this initiative to the benefit all of our school children.



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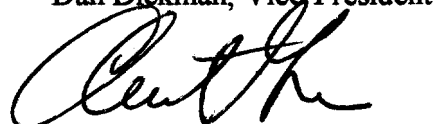


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